

Pension to the Legislators

522 SRI HANJI SHIVANNA (Tarikere).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government intend to bring in a Legislation before the House for sanction of pension to the Members of this House, past and present, who have served for a specified period as has been done in other States;

(b) when Government intend to bring in such a legislation in this State ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) The question of granting pension to the Members of the State Legislature is under consideration.

(b) As soon as a decision is taken in the matter.

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(i) *re : Scarcity of drinking water in Birur Town*

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration regarding the acute scarcity of drinking water in Birur Town.

SRI D. K. NAIKAR (Minister for Municipal Administration).—I wish to make the following statement.

The Water Supply scheme to Birur Town is being maintained by the Municipality. The population of the town as per 1971 census is 14,158 and the present population is about 15,000. There are 10 borewells in Birur Town out of which 9 are in service. There are 2 R. C. C. overhead tanks of 50,000 gallons capacity which are filled up once a day and another R. C. C. overhead tank of 10,000 gallons capacity which is being filled up 2 to 3 times daily. The air compressor and pumps are working 16 to 17 hours daily.

The total quantity of water collected and supplied works out to 1,20,000 gallons per day. As the present population of Birur Town is 15,000 the rate of supply of water is 8 gallons per capita per day. Hence there is no scarcity of drinking water in Birur Town.

The 'rising main' carrying water from the borewells to the central pump and the distribution lines are C. I. P. V. C. and G. I. Pipes. On account of heavy percentage of calcium in the water, encrustation of the Pipes with calcium deposits has occurred resulting in heavy reduction of diameter of pipes and consequent unequal

distribution of water in the town. The Town Municipal Council, Birur has requested for improvements with an alternative and dependable source. Accordingly a emergency water supply scheme to Birur Town has been got up for Rs. 7.50 lakhs and administrative sanction has been accorded in G. O. No. HMA 124 MNS 77 dated 6-5-1977. The scheme envisages sinking of 4 additional bore wells and replacement of the entrusted pipe lines both 'rising main' and distribution system along with replacement of compressor by submersible pumpsets. By implementing this scheme it is possible to ensure a per capital supply of 20 gallon, per day. There are no dependable surface sources to augment the water supply.

SRI M. MALLAPPA.—Even now there is acute scarcity of drinking water in Birur. Because of calcium deposits in the pipe there is no proper flow in the main distribution line. I am thankful to the Government for emergency water supply scheme. But in the meanwhile, can you assure the House to provide some more rig-borewells for the purpose of providing more drinking water to Birur town?

SRI D. K. NAIKAR.—This scheme which has been sanctioned on 6-5-1977 is for additional bore-wells and to improve the distribution system also.

SRI M. MALLAPPA.—Apart from the digging of borewells can you not provide some more rig-borewells to solve the drinking water problem in the town?

SRI D. K. NAIKAR.—Madam, Speaker, I said that when the scheme has already been approved by the Government, I believe that the work will be taken up immediately.

SRI M. MALLAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister has stated that there are no dependable sources. Can I bring to his notice that there is a tributary-Dandinahole-which is a perennial source of water. Can he kindly suggest to the Government to investigate this?

SRI D. K. NAIKAR.—Technical opinion is that the source is not dependable. Therefore, bore wells are taken up and 9 are under service and 4 more are under survey.

(ii) re : *Scarcity of drinking water in fifty villages of Basavakalyan Taluk*

SRI BAPURAO ANANDARAO HULSOORKAR (Basavakalyan).— I call the attention of the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj to the acute scarcity of drinking water in 50 villages of Basavakalyana Taluk.